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MEN---

Take Note of Our Pre-Xmas Sale of Standard Books in Sets!

In it you can secure the complete works of Scott, Dickens, Thackeray, Balzac, Shakespeare and other famous old authors, in handsome three-quarter leather bindings, at greatly less than regular retail prices. The approach of the Christmas holidays makes this event most timely, as it is unusual, and should be availed of immediately.

Basement.

CASES OF ALLENS NOT YET DECIDED

May Be Taken Up To-Day.
Supreme Court Proceedings Yesterday.

No action was taken yesterday by the Supreme Court on the petitions of Floyd Allen and Claude Swanson Allen for writs of error. The court holds no session to-day, but will be in conference, and is quite likely to take this matter up.

The case of Chambers vs. the city of Roanoke was yesterday argued by J. W. Chambers for the appellant and submitted.

Hobday vs. Kane was submitted on briefs.

Carter vs. Thorp was submitted on briefs.

Hogg et al. vs. Shields et al. was argued by Marys Jones for the appellants and submitted.

Eason vs. Lyon et al. was argued by Frank L. Crocker for the appellants, and by Judge D. Tucker Brooke for the appellees, and submitted.

Court adjourned to Monday.

Next cases in call: Norfolk and Portsmouth Traction Company vs. city of Norfolk; Southern vs. Evans; Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company vs. Chapman, city of Danville vs. Danville Railway and Electric Company.

PIANO MAN ARRESTED

Charged With Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing.

G. T. Hare, vice-president of the Craft's Union, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by H. M. Burroughs, of 35 South Fourth Street, charging him with disorderly conduct and trespassing. Hare is said to have called at the home of Burroughs for the purpose of removing a piano, which caused Burroughs to become angry, and he caused the warrant to be issued.

Burroughs was so anxious to see Hare arrested that he called on the second police station, and informed that Patrolman Humber accompany him to Hare's home. Hare readily consented to accompany the officer to the station, where he furnished bail for his appearance in Police Court this morning.

HOLD TRIPPE

Officer Will Go for Former Hotel Manager Wanted for Grand Larceny.

Acting Chief of Police Paddock yesterday telegraphed the Baltimore Police Department to hold Frederick L. Trippe, former manager of the Clarendon Hotel, who is wanted here on a warrant charging him with grand larceny. Extrajudicial papers will be prepared and Detective Sergeant Wynn will leave as soon as possible for the prisoner.

Trippe is said to have been short several hundred dollars in his accounts, and a warrant for his arrest was sworn out last Wednesday by Arthur Arlington, one of the proprietors of the hotel. Trippe was arrested by the Baltimore City and returned at the request of the local department.

Exchange Smoker.

The board of directors of the Real Estate Exchange met yesterday and decided to give a smoker to the members of the organization November 22 in the Jefferson Hotel. Speeches will be engaged and a number of guests invited.

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UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY FOR POSTAL SAVINGS FUNDS

RUN SOLID TRAINS TO NEW YORK CITY

R. F. & P. Will Put on Through Schedule From Richmond to Metropolis.

Beginning Sunday, November 24, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad will inaugurate through train service between Richmond and New York. The train, which north-bound will be known as the Richmond-New York Express, and south-bound as the New York-Richmond Express, will be complete in the comfort and luxury of its appointments, and will be in the class with any train operated anywhere in the United States.

Leaving Third Street Station every day at 12:15 noon, the solid train will run into the Pennsylvania Station in New York at 8 o'clock P. M. This will be in time for the traveler to attend any one of the many theatres in proximity to the station, which is at Seventh Avenue and Thirty-second Street, only one block from Herald Square.

Returning, the train will leave New York (Pennsylvania Station) at 11:00 o'clock A. M., arriving at Third Street at 7:30 P. M. Both trains will stop at Elba. Northward the train will be known as No. 70; southward, as No. 51.

The equipment will include high-backed day coaches, club, dining and parlor cars, all of solid steel, electrically lighted. But few stops will be made.

This enterprise will make an additional advertisement for Richmond. The train is made up here, and is distinctly a Richmond-New York affair. Stops will be made at Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, North Philadelphia and Newark.

WILL HEAR CASE ON NOVEMBER 27

Preliminary Hearing of Murder Charge Against Merriman Continued in Police Court.

Charles C. Merriman, the young carpenter accused of the murder of little Battle Drummond Merriman, his wife, now a patient in the Virginia Hospital, also blamed for the infant's slaying by the coroner's jury, will be arrested when she has sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital.

While there is little direct evidence against Merriman and his wife, the police and Commonwealth's Attorney believe that a strong circumstantial case can be made out against them.

Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellam are now seeking additional evidence and witnesses against the accused. So far the only witnesses for the Commonwealth are Dr. M. E. Nockels, who attended Mrs. Merriman, the detectives who found the buried body in the woodshed; Captain of Detectives McMahon, who obtained a signed statement from Merriman; and Miss Virginia Mullins, the nurse who heard the delirious ravings of Mrs. Merriman and which led to the disclosure of the crime and the discovery of the infant's body.

GIVES CITRATE ON WATER-PUMPING

Electricity Committee Recedes From Effort to Lay Burden on Water Works.

TOTAL OUTLAY \$618,304.98

No Figures Yet Available to Show What Street Lights Cost.

Reviving a proposition which died with the old Council, the Council Committee on Electricity yesterday afternoon recommended to the Council the plan of creating the position of Superintendent of the City Electrical Plant, fixing the pay of the employee of the works and directing how the plant shall be operated. To meet objections raised in the old Council by Captain Morgan L. Miller, chairman of the Committee on Water, the rate to be charged for electrical current for pumping water was cut from 2 cents to 1 cent per kilowatt. The election of the proposed superintendent, whose salary is fixed in the ordinance at \$2,750, is left to the Administrative Board.

The management of the electrical plant has been a perpetual bone of contention. Up to this time no definite action has been taken by the Council, and since its completion the plant has been operated by Consulting Engineer E. W. Trafford, who planned and supervised its erection. The Committee on Electricity has paid him \$200 per month for his services as superintendent, allowing him to take outside electrical engineering work, and to charge the city a commission on all construction work.

The number and pay of employees of the plant has never been fixed by ordinance, and has been increased from time to time by the Committee on Electricity as far as funds at its disposal would allow. In lodging his protest against the old ordinance, Captain Miller charged that the cost of building and operation of the electric plant had been excessive, and that it was now proposed, by an unreasonable charge against the Water Department for power used in water pumping, to make it appear on the books that the electric plant was a prosperous undertaking.

No annual report of the electric plant was submitted to the Mayor last year, nor is any report of its operations included in the bound volume of city reports for the year, so that it is difficult at this time to arrive at the cost of lights furnished under municipal ownership.

Promised Cheaper Light.

While the cost of construction nearly doubled original estimates, it is also true that the number of lights has been increased, and a large number of ornamental lights added, not included in the original calculations. It is recalled by many that when the bond issue for erection of the electric plant was pending before the Board of Aldermen in 1908, Mr. Trafford was invited on the floor and made the statement that the \$200,000 to be provided would pay for all costs of a plant on the site of the Old Pump-house, which would pump all city water as a by-product, and furnish street arc lamps at not more than \$36 each per year. The city was then paying \$54.75 each per year for arc lamps to the Virginia Railway and Power Company, and the proposed saving seemed considerable. Bonds were issued to the extent of \$350,000, covering the cost of the plant as estimated and setting apart \$100,000 for establishment of electrical pumping machinery for the Water Department. Additional annual appropriations have been made each year since from current funds.

Up to October 1 last, the grand total of all payments made out of the city treasury on account of the electric plant has been \$638,304.98, divided as follows: Plans and preliminary expenses, \$7,533.83; machinery for Water Department, \$109,934.46; electric plant and distributing system, \$425,596.94; Broad Street lights, \$25,000.92; pay roll and maintenance since operation began to October 1, \$12,338.83.

No appropriation was ever made for the Jefferson Avenue ornamental lighting, which was ordered by the committee and paid out of other funds without authority of the Council. The above figures do not allow for the valuable site and water power rights turned over by the Water Department to the city, and the \$100,000 assessed by the State at \$30,000, and said by some to be worth nearly \$1,000,000. The rights are owned by the city in perpetuity, and have recently been fully confirmed in court proceedings.

Not until some definite form of accounting has been established, after the manner recently recommended by the Special Accounting Committee for the Gas Works, and allowances made for interest, depreciation and other proper charges, will the city be able to tell what it is costing it to light its streets. Meanwhile the committee goes steadily on, adding to the number of lights.

In the annual budget for this year there is an appropriation for the electric plant \$45,000, as follows: pay roll, \$24,000; expenses, \$12,000; extensions, \$2,000, the total being a larger amount than was ever paid by the city for street lighting in any one year under the contract system, though it is true that there were then a few number of lights and to so-called ornamental lamp posts on Broad Street. There are no available reports to indicate to what extent electric current has been used in pumping water.

Beginning Monday

we will print in this space a series of the best answers received during our recent SILVER DOLLAR CONTEST. We do this to show not only the interest taken in the measurement of our capital, but the real talent and originality displayed by our numerous friends. Answers came from all sections of the State and the most remote rural districts. We want our country friends by means of the newspapers to enjoy these clever replies, which are exhibited in the lobby of the

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Richmond, Virginia.

VETERANS REFUSE TO STOP REUNIONS

Howitzers Vote to Keep Camp Fire Alight at Another Banquet.

ANNUAL MEETING IS HELD

Officers Elected for Year—Eight Have Joined Bivouac of Dead.

By unanimous vote, the Richmond Howitzers' Association, in annual meeting yesterday, decided that the time has not come to discontinue the regular reunion and banquet. It was determined to celebrate again this year on December 15, the forty-ninth anniversary of the battle of Fredericksburg. This has been the date for the reunion for years.

"I hope," said Judge George L. Christian, addressing the association, "that the time will never come when this custom is abandoned. These young men who are coming into the association may keep alive the memories which we cherish. I will not vote to stop. We forgot too soon. If we pass over this year we may never have another reunion."

The meeting agreed with him. Judge Christian's remarks were brought forth by a suggestion made to him a few days ago to omit the reunion this year.

Eight Fail to Answer Roll.

When Secretary Charles G. Boshier called the roll it was found that eight wartime veterans of the Howitzers had died during the year. Probably not more than thirty men of the three war companies now live in Richmond.

Following are the dead of the year: Standing Committee, Third Company; W. L. Sheppard, Second Company; A. O. Jones, Third Company; Joseph Bowen, First Company (died recently in California); W. N. Bell, First Company; Boswell Alsop, Third Company; Thomas Booker, Second Company; William D. Fleming, Second Company (died last week in Amelia County).

The following officers for the association were elected for the ensuing year: James H. Grigg, president; Henry C. Carter, first vice-president; D. S. McCarthy, second vice-president; Chas. G. Boshier, secretary; S. H. Bowman, treasurer.

Standing Committees.

Executive Committee—John S. Ellett, John A. Hutcheson, H. L. Lorraine, Geo. A. Jones, Leigh Robinson.

Invitation Committee—George L. Christian, William E. Word, J. S. Boshier.

Finance Committee—H. Lorraine, D. S. McCarthy, Henry C. Carter, E. J. Boshier, H. M. Starke.

Among those present at the annual meeting, which was held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, were the following: S. H. Bowman, J. W. Myers, L. W. Phillips, Jr., William H. McCarthy, Henry C. Carter, George L. Christian, T. W. Stange, S. B. Adkins, F. A. Arnsen, F. C. Jones, C. G. Boshier, James A. Grigg, James P. Watson, E. J. Boshier, J. M. Grooms.

A number of new members elected included one war veteran, the others being younger men holding honorable discharges from the Howitzers of more recent days.

The names of the deceased were recorded on the memorial page of the association.

CRIMINAL INSANE GET SPECIAL CARE

New Building Nearly Ready.
Annual Report of State Hospital at Marion.

By December 1, the building for the criminal insane at the State Hospital at Marion will be completed and ready for the reception of this class of patients. So says the annual report of Dr. J. C. King, the superintendent submitted to Governor Mann yesterday.

For years the desirability of separate care for the criminal insane has been realized, since they are properly kept in close confinement, as being dangerous to society. The Legislature of 1910 made an appropriation for a building at Marion, but it was found insufficient, and the session of 1912 added largely to the sum. The structure will, in the opinion of Dr. King, be ample for the purpose for years to come.

During the year an outbreak of smallpox visited the hospital. There were no deaths. As a result, a rule has been established requiring regular vaccination of patients and attendants.

The number of insane in the hospital on October 1, 1912, was 612. During the year 258 were admitted, besides eight returned from foreign lands. The daily average on the inside was 614.

Discharges were as follows: Recovered, 59; improved, 127; not improved, 12; transferred to Eastern State Hospital, 12; not insane, 11.

Auto Speeder Fined \$75.

D. R. Greary, who appeared from a box of \$110 imposed in Police Court for driving an automobile faster than allowed by law, was tried by a jury in the Hastings Court yesterday, convicted and fined \$75 and costs.

Marriage License.

A marriage license was issued yesterday by the clerk's office of the Henric County, to Fred Schurz and Evelyn Baker.

GRAND JURY ENDS COUNTY TAX PROBE

No Indictments Found Against Henrico Citizens for Improper Returns.

\$319,937 ADDED TO VALUES

Severe Criticism of Existing Laws Is Feature of Final Report to Judge Scott

The special grand jury which has been investigating the tax returns in Henrico County closed its labors yesterday at noon at 1 o'clock by presenting to Judge Scott a report which pointed out the weaknesses of the present tax laws, and stated that the inevitable result of a stringent effort to enforce them "in their literal entirety" will be to bring the tax laws into discredit, and to increase the tendency to evade the payment of taxes by subterfuge, concealment, or even deliberate perjury.

The grand jury placed the blame for the condition which now obtains, first, on the lax manner in which the commissioners of revenue allow taxpayers to assess themselves, and, second, to the general ignorance of the laws on the part of the people as a whole.

No indictments were returned as a result of the investigation. In view of the public ignorance of the laws and other conditions, the report states that the grand jury found no evidence of criminal intent on the part of any citizen to defraud the State or its just revenue.

Several additional witnesses were examined at the session yesterday morning, and as a result, about \$77,000 more was added to the already large sum of corrected returns. The total of the additions to the county's taxable values made during the investigation is \$319,937. This sum is 1-2 per cent of the entire amount of property listed in the original returns.

On the presentation of its report, the grand jury was commended by Judge Scott for the sincerity and thoroughness of its work, and was discharged. It had held six sittings since originally summoned on October 14.

The Report.

The entire report of the grand jury follows:

Richmond, Va., November 15, 1912.

To the Hon. R. Carter Scott, Judge of the Circuit Court of Henrico County:

We, the special grand jury impaneled to investigate the tax returns made by the citizens of Henrico County, respectfully report to the Honorable Court as follows:

In the discharge of the work given it, the grand jury held six meetings, and carefully examined in detail every tax return made in Henrico County. It called as witnesses the two commissioners of revenue of Henrico County and also a number of citizens of Henrico County.

Upon hearing the witnesses and acting upon its own knowledge and information, the grand jury came to the conclusion that there was no evidence of criminal intent on the part of citizens of Henrico County. It is a fact that citizens of Henrico County came forward and increased their assessments, and corrected their errors, as shown on the accompanying report drawn up by the commissioners of revenue under the instructions of the grand jury, to the aggregate amount of \$319,937.

This sum, large as it seems, is only about 1-2 per cent of the assessed valuation already turned in by the citizens of Henrico County, and the grand jury feels that it owes to the citizens of Henrico County to specifically state that the conditions which made such an error possible are to be found in two fundamental causes:

First, the lax enforcement of the tax laws by the commissioners of revenue, who, the grand jury regrets to say, have followed the long established practice of allowing everybody to assess themselves.

And, second, to the general failure of the people either to understand the provisions or cordially approve the strictness of the tax laws as they are now written.

No citizens complain of the principle or practice of assessments on real estate. But none that we have met believe in, or support in their entirety, the present laws of Virginia covering the taxation for themselves or others of the kind of property known as choses in action or intangible personal property. This open or silent opposition of the citizens, combined with the lax practice above referred to, has made the taxation of intangible personal property in this State unjust and unequal.

The grand jury throughout its sessions found a willingness on the part of the citizens to co-operate, and a widespread and proper belief that the duty of the citizens was to pay their taxes fairly.

In order to better these conditions the grand jury strongly recommends that the commissioners of revenue be required to personally receive the interrogatories, and refuse to accept any which have not been properly sworn to, and of which they do not themselves approve.

In this connection the grand jury recognizes the hardship such extra labor would entail upon the commissioners under their present form of compensation; and, though it is not within the province of the grand jury, we trust we may be permitted to express the belief that if the commissioners of revenue received an adequate salary, and were allowed a proper compensation for disbursements, the State would receive more returns for the outlay involved, and the citizens of the State would have the assurance that all taxable personal property would be more generally returned and more equally assessed.

The grand jury also notes that in too many cases, even when returns have been made, they are returned so late that they do not get on the books of the county or State.

While the grand jury is glad to have performed this disagreeable and arduous service involved in making this investigation, yet we feel it our duty as citizens to point out to the Honorable Court that it will, in our opinion, be difficult in the future to get men to do this work, or to get the people to pay taxes when they are levied under laws that revolt all the public sense of fairness and equity. No law can be permanently enforced that does not rest upon sound morals and equal justice, and the tax laws of Virginia today, especially with regard to the tax on intangible personal property, as on capital invested in business,

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- At \$4.95 Suits, Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$7.50.
- At \$5.95 Suits, Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$8.50.
- At \$6.95 Suits, Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$10.00.
- At \$7.95 Suits, Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$11.50.
- At \$8.95 Suits, Overcoats and Reefers worth up to \$12.50.

Have You Seen the \$3 Velour Hats We Are Selling at \$1.95?

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Gans-Rady Company

MERCHANTS ADD FLOATS TO PARADE

Will Decorate Wagons for Wilson Celebration—Committees at Work.

Indications were yesterday that many business men of this city will add floats to the parade on the night of November 26, when the State celebration of the election of Woodrow Wilson will be held. Several merchants suggested to the committee on parade, that they would be glad to have their delivery wagons in line decorated for the occasion. In reply, that body, through Chairman Frank Ferrandini, said that if any considerable number of business men desired this privilege permission would be granted to all comers, and a special section of the parade would be given to this purpose.

A meeting of the parade committee was held last night at headquarters, 309 East Broad Street. To it was presented plans for the floats which have been suggested, representing the seven Presidents from Virginia, beginning with Washington.

There was some discussion of fireworks and torches, and the committee adjourned to meet Tuesday night.

The committee on floats held a conference yesterday afternoon, and decided that the people who would be expected to reap the greatest financial benefit—hotels, for instance—should be asked to contribute to the celebration fund.

Railroad rates are expected to be such as to attract people from every town and city and rural neighborhood in the State.

stocks of foreign corporations, notes, bonds, mortgages, and money in bank, at harshly and unfairly, as when a widow is taxed 1 per cent on the few thousand dollars she has in a savings bank on February 1, with the prudent and informed business man goes free, or when a man is forced under the law to bear an unequal and undeserved share of public expense by paying double taxation on mortgages.

And the grand jury therefore respectfully requests permission to record its deliberate opinion that so long as these defects remain unremedied, the tax laws of Virginia in these particulars can never be fully enforced or fairly administered, and that the inevitable result of a stringent effort to enforce these laws in their literal entirety will be to bring the tax laws into discredit and to increase the tendency to evade the payment of taxes by subterfuge, concealment, or even deliberate perjury.

Respectfully submitted,
T. CRAWFORD REDD, Foreman.
F. M. CONNELL,
H. M. NELSON,
W. FRANK POWERS,
W. M. MILAM,
S. C. FREEMAN,
JOHN STEINART BRYAN,
J. W. PENICK,
EDWARD J. WILLIS.

JALA WEEK IN NEW YORK
November 16th to 23d.

Old Dominion Line's Annual Specialty Conducted Excursion will leave Richmond via C. & O. R. Saturday, November 16th, at 4:50 P. M., connecting with steamer leaving Norfolk at 7:50 P. M., and arriving in New York 3:30 P. M. Sunday.

See New York and its many attractions—Grand Opera, Horse Show, etc. Round trip tickets, including meals and stateroom 10th on steamer, \$12.00; on sale November 16th, good for 10 days. Party limited. Apply for reservations and tickets at Company's Ticket Office, No. 321 East Main Street.

WINS COMMISSIONS

Suit Against Thalhimer Bros. Decided in Favor of Pollard & Bagby.

In the suit of Pollard & Bagby against Thalhimer Brothers, which has been on trial in the Law and Equity Court for several days, the jury rendered a verdict last night of damages in the sum of \$2,000. On account of the late hour the motion to set aside the verdict was continued for argument to-day. The suit grew out of commissions claimed on the sale of certain real estate.

Held on Suspicious Characters.

In the arrest yesterday of Jacob Allen, a driver, and Joseph Rock, a porter, both colored, alleged systematic stealing from the Richmond Dry Goods Company, 104-108 East Cary Street, was revealed. The two men were arrested by Detective-Sergeants Wiley and Kellam and held at the First Police Station as suspicious characters, suspected of having committed a felony.

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